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ILLINOIS, Northwest

ILZ001>002-007-009- Jo Daviess - Stephenson - Carroll - Whiteside - Rock Island - Henry - Bureau - Putnam - Mercer - Henderson - Warren -
015>018-024>026-034>035 Hancock - McDonough

01 0000CST
31 2359CST

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Total precipitation for the month was 2.10 inches or 0.80 inches above normal and 161% of normal. Monthly totals and departures varied widely by location. For example, in Burlington, Iowa, the monthly total was 2.73 inches or 1.42 inches above normal and 208% of normal. In the other hand, in Dubuque, Iowa, the monthly total was 1.32 inches or 0.04 inches above normal and 103% of normal. Precipitation for most of the month was light to moderate. The exception was toward the end of the month when a storm system brought significant rainfall amounts to the HSA from the 28th-30th. Precipitation totals ranged from around 1 inch in the west to over 2 inches in the east. Because of the warm temperatures, most of the precipitation fell as rain. The majority of the rain fell on the 28th over a 24-hour period. Because most of the ground was unfrozen, the majority of this rainfall soaked into the soil, easing the drought.

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River Conditions

Stream flows began the month with most locations reporting near normal (25th to 74th percentile) conditions. A few locations reported above normal (76th to 90th percentile) conditions and a few locations reported below normal (10th to 24th percentile) conditions. The precipitation event on the 2nd resulted in increases in stream flows especially in Iowa and Missouri. Stream flows went to above to much above normal (greater than 90th percentile) there, but were below to much below normal (less than 10th percentile) across Illinois. These conditions persisted through the 15th.

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For the entire HSA, the three-month precipitation total is 5.76 inches or 0.04 inches above normal and 101% of normal. The six-month precipitation total is 12.30 inches or 3.69 inches below normal and 77% of normal. The 12-month precipitation total is 23.95 inches or 12.28 inches below normal and 66% of normal.

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ILLINOIS, Northwest

ILZ025	Henderson								
	20	1330CST			0	0	2.5K		Winter Weather
		2030CST							
	Also from Co-op observers								
ILZ017-026	Bureau - Warren								
	20	1500CST			0	0	10K		Winter Storm
	21	0200CST							
	Also from Co-op observers								
ILZ016-034>035	Henry - Hancock - McDonough								
	20	1800CST			0	0	15K		Ice Storm
		2200CST							
	Also from Co-op observers								

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IOWA, East Central and Southeast

IAZ042-052>054-063>068-076>078-087>089-098>099	Dubuque - Linn - Jones - Jackson - Iowa - Johnson - Cedar - Clinton - Muscatine - Scott - Keokuk - Washington - Louisa - Jefferson - Henry - Des Moines - Van Buren - Lee								
	01	0000CST			0	0			Drought
	31	2359CST							



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IAZ089-099

Des Moines - Lee

20	1300CST 2000CST	0	0	6K	Winter Weather
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Also from Co-op observers

IAZ065

Cedar

20	2030CST 2130CST	0	0		Heavy Snow
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From Co-op observer

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Des Moines - Lee

24	1400CST	0	0	6K	Strong Wind (EG45)
	1700CST				

IAZ077

Washington

24	1523CST	0	0	High Wind (MG51)
	1533CST			

KAWG AWOS

A strong winter storm with an associated trop fold produced sustained winds of 26-33 knots (30-38 mph) with numerous gusts of 44-48 knots (51-55 mph) during the afternoon hours across eastern Iowa and the northern half of Illinois. The variability of the measured gusts can be attributed to differential heating during the afternoon hours. In Lee County Iowa, numerous tree limbs were downed across the county. A power pole was downed in West Point with a large tree down in Fort Madison. In southern Des Moines County about one half mile north of the Lee/Des Moines County line, the top of a 40 foot cedar tree was broken off at a residence along U.S. 61. The tree just missed hitting the residence.

MISSOURI, Northeast

MOZ009>010

Scotland - Clark

20	1600CST	0	0	10K	Ice Storm
	2000CST				

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